Barāwa is a blueprint for a tomorrow we all want to inhabit or, to be more precise, we would have to inhabit if we are to survive as a species.

It is by no means the recreation of a time that's gone forever. There will be 'tomorrow' elements that will be incorporated into the model as deemed suitable, in particular things such as renewable energy and new knowledge pertaining to organic agriculture.

The sprawling, 400 acre facility in close proximity to Colombo will contain all the elements that make up a 'theme park' and as such an excellent destination for city-dwellers and others interested in learning about the relevant issues without much inconvenience. At the same time, there is this difference: its key thrust includes replication/adaptation in part, as per land size, inclination and resource endowment.

Furthermore, it incorporates many new concepts such as eco-villages, agro tourism, eco-tourism, use of renewable energy, waste recycling, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle practices, preference for biodegradable items, waste minimization, organic food production etc., all of which encourage different life practices and consumption patterns.

Underlying all this is a deliberate and timely need to provide flood protection to the surrounding areas. Aspects such as surface water drainage patterns, water spread area, flood discharge estimates, flood peak values etc will be taken into account to design the park in ways that mitigate this threat, thereby providing a lasting benefit for the people of the area.

The above, then, constitute the wishes, the hopes and extrapolations of a different and better tomorrow that we marry with the past in this park. This is the 'intersection' referred to.